

## CHAPTER CV.

AN ACT TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN DEBTS CONTRACTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN LINES OF ROAD OF THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. No lands now held, or that may hereafter be acquired, or held by the state to aid in the construction of the lines of railroad from Watab to Brainerd, and from St. Cloud to St. Vincent, or either of said lines, as now authorized to be constructed by the St. Paul and Pacific railroad company, for those portions of said railroads now ready for rolling stock, shall be conveyed, certified over or otherwise transferred by the state, or any of its officers, to the said railroad company, its successors or assigns, until payment is made of all debts and demands due to citizens of Minnesota, heretofore contracted or incurred in connection with the construction of said lines of railroad, or any part thereof, including all debts and liabilities contracted or incurred for grading, clearing, bridges, timber, cross-ties, surfacing track, right of way, engineering, laying iron rails, and all other work, and labor done and material furnished in the construction of said lines of railroad, or any part thereof; *Provided, however,* That all such debts and claims shall be filed with the state auditor within sixty days after the passage of this act; *And provided, further,* That no debt or demand due to any other railroad corporation, their successors or assigns, shall be included within the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. In case said debt or demands, or any thereof, are not paid within six months after the passage of this act, or, if disputed, within sixty days after the amount thereof shall have been determined by action or otherwise, then, and in such case, the governor is hereby authorized and directed to sell, or cause to be sold, at public sale, after giving six weeks public notice of the time and place of such sale, the lands, or so much thereof as may be necessary, now held, or that may be hereafter acquired or held by the state to aid in the construction of said lines of railroad so ready for rolling stock and apply the proceeds thereof in payment of said debts and demands; *Provided,* That the claimants shall commence suit for the adjudication of said disputed claims within sixty days after the denial thereof by said company.

SEC. 3. Any act that may be passed extending the time for the completion of said lines of railroad, or either of them, or continuing, renewing, or making a new or further grant of lands to aid in the construction of said lines of railroad, or either of them shall be subject to the provisions of this act in respect to the lands aforesaid, and this act shall not be construed as repealed or modified by any subsequent act, unless by express reference to the same, and in direct terms.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 21, 1874.

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## CHAPTER CVI.

### AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF BRANCH LINES OF RAILROADS OF THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That the time for grading and completion by the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, in accordance with the change of such branch lines authorized in and by an act of congress of the United States, passed March third, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy one, entitled "an act authorizing the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company to change its lines in consideration of a relinquishment of lands," be and the same is hereby extended as is hereinafter provided ; and the said company so completing the said lines within the times in this act limited, and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter contained, shall have and be entitled to the grant of lands in any act of congress heretofore made and provided in relation thereto, or to any extension of said grant of lands hereafter made by congress to said company, or to the state of Minnesota. And the company so completing said lines in accordance with the terms and conditions of this act, shall have and be entitled to all and singular the same rights, privileges, immunities, lands, and property, as if such lines had been constructed and put in operation fully equipped for business within the time heretofore limited by law for the same, except as modified and changed by the provisions of this act.